Boston March 6th 1770

I Joseph Petty of Boston Lightterman, of lawful age do Testify and Say, That between nine and ten of the Clock the last evening; on hearing the Cry of Fire and Bells ringing, and that the Fire was in King Street; I hasted thither: and see a number of Soldiers by the Custom House with their Guns Cock'd; and in an Instant of Time I heard the word fire: and a number of Guns was imeadiatly discharged one after another by the said Soldiers: and I see three men dead on the Ground imediatly, That were shott by said Soldiers: One of which Person's Name Samuel Gray, who was Shot dead, by a Ball through his head by said Soldiers, I assisted in Carrying to a house in Cornhill were I left him. ~~after the Guns was fired and the people fled~~ The whole Time I was there, I see no Insult or abuse offered the Soldiers, excepting one Stick that was Sent among them after the firing.

Joseph Petty

The above taken by Thomas Dawes Coroner

Inquisition on S. Gray

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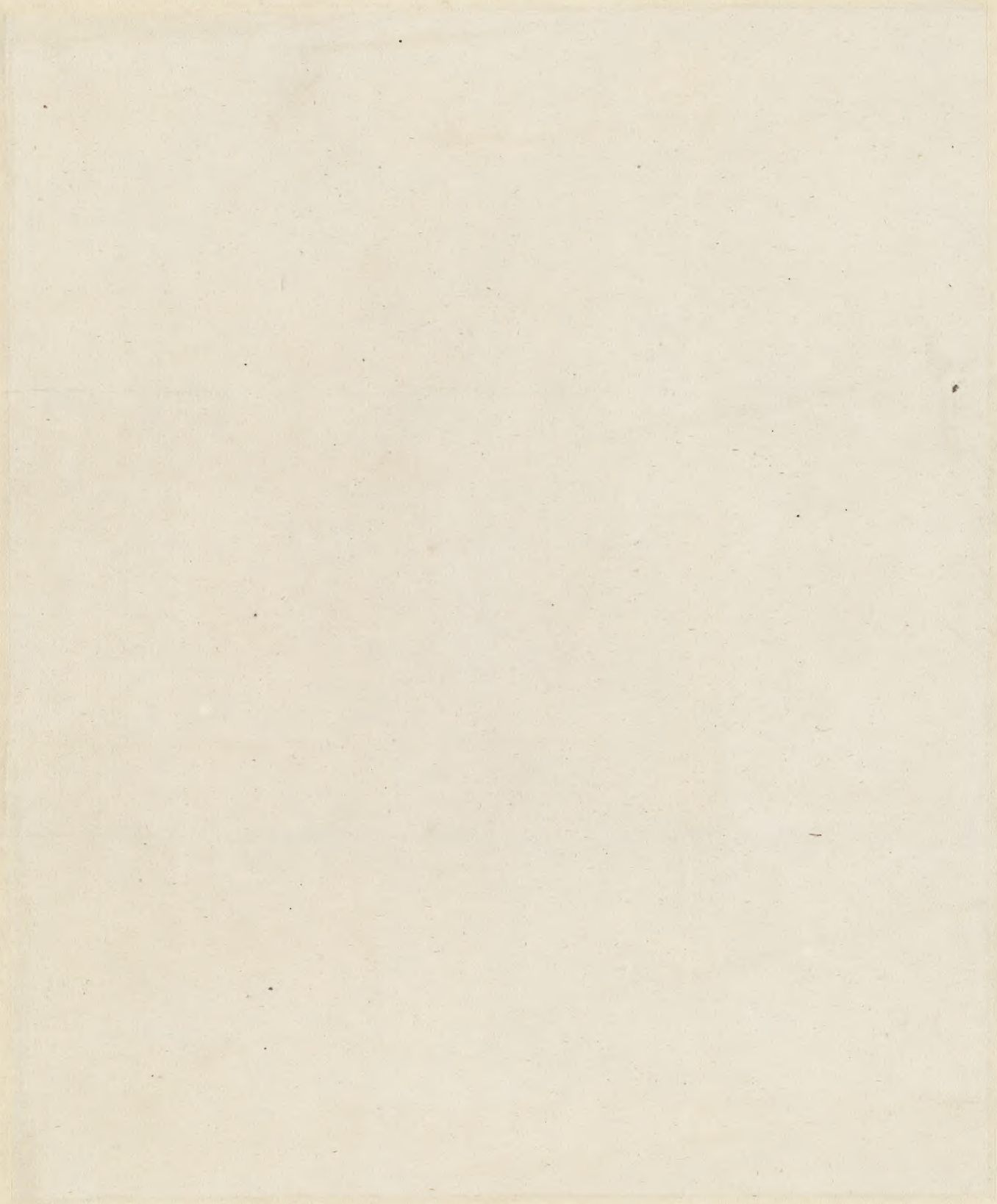

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